Medication Reference: Flumazenil (Romazicon)

Class

Benzodiazepine receptor antagonist.

Actions

 Antagonizes the actions of benzodiazepines on the central nervous system.

Indications

Reversal of benzodiazepine sedation.

Protocol Reference

B4, B5, B6, D1, D5



Contraindications

- Hypersensitivity to flumazenil or to benzodiazepines.
- Cyclic antidepressant overdose.

Precautions

Toxic effects of mixed drug overdose (especially cyclic antidepressants) may emerge with the reversal of the benzodiazepine effects.

Adverse Reactions

- Nausea and vomiting, dizziness, agitation.
- Injection-site pain, cutaneous vasodilation.
- Abnormal vision.
- Seizures.

Adult Dosage / Route

- 0.2 mg IV push over 30 seconds.
- An additional dose of 0.3 mg may be given in 30 seconds.
- A third dose of 0.5 mg at one minute intervals.
- Maximum dose of 2 mg.



Pediatric Dosage / Route

Not indicated.

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